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Minutes, Apr. 2010

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP~~~~~ SPY POND COMMITTEE

APRIL 6, 2010 MEETING: Town Hall Annex, First Floor In attendance:~ Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Jacob Friis, Joey Glushko,~ Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Harriet Noyes, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin.

Facilitator:~ Steve Ricci~~~~~ **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings:~ 7:30 p.m.~ May 4, June 8, Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room.~~~~~

~~~~Correction for March 9 **minutes:**~ The letter to donors to the phragmites project was written by Steve Ricci and sent by Jane Howard.

~~~~The lakeshore management **workshop** on March 21 went very well.~ Attendance numbered 37. ~Frances Clark will provide a summary, including a plant list, which can be posted on the Spy Pond website.

~~~~**Water level:**~ The outflow was operating at capacity (15 cfs) for about three weeks after the March rainstorms.~ The pond level has now finally returned to normal. ~~It will need to be dropped further in May for the planned weed treatment.~ There are broken boards in the outflow structure which need to be replaced by the Town to keep the level from dropping too low at other times.

~~~~**Phragmites:**~ We need to write a report to the Con Com on Phase I and to identify abutters who have reeds on their land which need to be sprayed this coming fall.~ John McKenna of the Kelwyn Manor Association has already been to the Con Com.~ Brad will deal with Elaine Sacco about the phragmites on her island.~ Replanting plans are in the works; they include seeding the "mud zone" in November with suitable species and planting cattail "plugs" next spring.

~~~~Jane noted that the Town has no good records on what management activities have been carried out for the various water bodies.

~~~~EcoFest will take place on Sunday, May 2, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Town Hall.~ Joey has sent an e-mail to Town groups that may want to participate.~ The theme is gardening -- native plants, invasives, composting.~ The speaker will be Daniel Bishop with a presentation on native plants and a Q & A period.~ We can display pictures of Trails Day and the phragmites project and sign up volunteers for the former and solicit contributions to the latter.

~~~~**Trails Day** on Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. will include cleanup and invasives removal but no planting.~ "Bring your own lunch" - we provide drinks and snacks.~ Lunchtime could include a "teach-in" on phragmites.~ We may be able to arrange a planting project in the fall if the Highway Dept. can provide leftover trees.

~~~~**Notes from Park & Rec:**~ (1)~ Keep Park & Rec informed about events planned for parks and open areas even if their permission is not required.~ (2)~ There will be no canoe and kayak rentals at Spy Pond this summer, though the classes organized by Park & Rec will continue; apparently the opportunity for rentals did not generate enough business to make it worthwhile for the company.